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## Man Convicted of Sexually Molesting Teen

A 31-year-old man was sentenced today to four years in state prison for having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old girl, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, defendant Michael Papadonis pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case TA139575: lewd act upon a child and meeting with a minor for lewd purposes.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lynn D. Olson also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender and to stay away from the victim for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Craig Rouviere of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said in 2015 Papadonis became a family friend of the victim, a 13-year-old girl.

In April 2015, the defendant began meeting with the girl to sexually molest her, the prosecutor said.

Nearly a year later, on March 17, the defendant traveled with the girl outside of California, according to the prosecutor.

While driving with the girl in Oklahoma, law enforcement pulled over the defendant and realized Papadonis was wanted by authorities in California and the girl's mother had filed a missing person's report, the prosecutor added.

Papadonis was subsequently arrested and brought back to Los Angeles County for criminal prosecution.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.